

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 785

By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to recognize Heather Sternshein, 2000
Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Heather Sternshein is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Heather has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms.Sternshein has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; she is listed on the All "A" Honor Roll and in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Heather has demonstrated leadership skills in the Future Homemakers of America as its treasurer and as Youth Empowerment Summit School Planning Chair; she has also been an active member of the Speech and Drama Club, the Junior Classical Achievement

League, the Environmental Club, the Mock Trial team, the Beta Club, the Sevier County Service Club, Interact, the Annual Staff, the Blanch McCall National Honor Society, and AcTeens, a church-affiliated organization; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sternshein's considerable academic talent have earned for her Certificates of Achievement in Algebra II, Consumer Homemaking, Leadership Development, Geometry, World History - Combined Studies, Latin II, Chemistry, American Government A.P., English III - Combined Studies, and European History; she attended the Tennessee Governor's School for the Humanities, and the Washington and Lee University Summer Scholars' Program - Humanities Curriculum, has been offered a Rotary Foreign Exchange Trip/Scholarship, and is a National Merit Commended Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Heather is an accomplished poet, and one of her original poems was chosen for inclusion in the *Teacher's Selection: Anthology of Eleventh Grade Poetry*; she has also acted in *Up the Down Staircase* and in an Evening of the Arts, in which her original monologue was featured; and

WHEREAS, Heather's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, including her matriculation at Swarthmore College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sternshein's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Diana Bishop-Kinner and Michael Sternshein, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Heather's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Heather Sternshein, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.